21 December 1950

r. Lewis W. Shollenberger Director of Special Events Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. Warner Building Washington 4. D. C.

Dear Mr. Shollenberger:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge with thanks your letter of 18 December 1950 inviting him to speak at the beginning of the "Ford Theatre" broadcast on the evening of December 29th.

Regrettably, in view of the General's official duties in his new position, it will not be possible for him to make this appearance.

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Mr. Hal Davis.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the Director

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